

BA 2011

TUCKER-HESS HOUSE/ HESS GROCERY STORE

1898-1910

PARKTON

PRIVATE

The present grocery and deli operates in an adapted dwelling that is shown as standing in photos taken in or about 1910. No structure stood here when a plat was drawn in 1892. Frances Tucker was charged with a house here in the 1911 tax ledger. The 1918 ledger charged her with a "store house and hall, 20 x 40, 2 stories." In 1969, the present astorekeeper Lester W. Hess took title and has spent much money on renovation and repairs after floods. This is a two-story frame house with aluminum siding, a domestic style building of mixed gable and gambrel roofing, its living quarters on the second story. The house faces the by-passed turnpike road, and its south end adjoins the abandoned Northern Central tracks. The rear faces the Gunpowder Falls.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MAGI 0320115711

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**HISTORIC *TUCKER-HESS HOUSE*

AND/OR COMMON

*Hess Grocery Store***2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

*18,852 York Road*

CITY, TOWN

*Parkton*

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

*2nd*

STATE

*Maryland*

COUNTY

*Baltimore County***3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☒ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

*Lester W. Hess and wife*Telephone #: *357-5500*

STREET &amp; NUMBER

*18,852 York Road*

CITY, TOWN

*Parkton*

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

*Maryland 21120***5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

*County Courts Building*Liber #: *OTG 4967*Folio #: *322*

STREET &amp; NUMBER

*401 Bosley Avenue*

CITY, TOWN

*Towson*

STATE

*Maryland 21204***6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

*NONE*

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****TUCKER-HESS HOUSE**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Hess Grocery or Tucker-Hess House is an L-shaped frame structure of mixed gambrel and gable roofing, developed from a vernacular house of c. 1900. The main block is the gable-roofed portion, two stories high, two bays wide by three bays deep. It is rectangular in plan, with a one-story full-width store front facing the street. The roof of this grocery store entrance forms the deck for a second-story porch that serves the residential quarters; the deck is railed with redwood plank; there is no shelter or roofing.

The grocery store door is wood with four window lights, flanked by plate glass windows of moderate size, set in plain frames; these windows are more for lighting than display of merchandise. The two bays opening on the second-story deck contain: (1) a large double-hung sash window of 2-over-2 format, fitted with louvered shutters; (2) the south (or right-hand) bay contains a door with four window lights. A triangular louvered ventilator is set in the gable peak. Eaves overhang both ends of the house and the sidewalls as well.

The south wall of the house (parallel to the now-defunct railroad) has only one window in the first story, located in the center bay, sheltered by an awning; it is an original window of 2-over-2 format similar to others in this house.

A one-story, flat-roofed protuberance attached toward the rear (SE corner) of the house is apparently a former kennel.

At second-story level, the center bay of the south wall contains a contemporary triple plate glass window in a plain frame; the other two bays on either side contain two original windows of the 2-over-2 format. The window farthest from the street has louvered shutters.

The rear of the main block contains two windows, both at second-story level: one a very small window, the other a double-hung sash window similar to other original windows, shaded by an aluminum awning.

At ground level, a prefabricated one-story, shed-roofed cabana is tacked onto the rear wall; the concrete swimming pool is located diagonally opposite the southeast corner of the main block. This block is the only part found in the 1918 tax ledger, then measuring 20 by 40 feet.

The delicatessen wing of this building is the 1½-story gambrel-roofed section, two bays wide with a separate entrance

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(continued)

in the bay nearest to the old main block. This wing is not found in the 1961 aerial photogrammetric maps, and is pleasant-looking, but would be too recent to list by itself.

The newer wing has a second-story, rear, shed-roofed porch, supported on tall posts, reached by a steel side entrance.

The original portion has a stone foundation. The entire structure is covered with yellow aluminum siding.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE****TUCKER-HESS HOUSE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1898-1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The present Hess grocery, deli, and dwelling house is in the south end of Parkton shown as entirely undeveloped in the 1892 plat of the Martha Turner estate. (1) This property passed to Sarah Frances (Price) Tucker, in the disposition of the Martha Turner property. (2) Martha T. Turner, who became Martha T. T. Turner, inherited this property as remainderman. (3)

The dwelling was apparently only the Tucker home at first, and it can be found in photos of c. 1910 in possession of the present storekeeper. The 1911 tax ledger showed Frances Tucker with:

Lot & Dwelling on e. of York road at Parkton	\$1,000
2/2 interest in 97/100 acres on w. of York road	75
2 acres n. of Turner Ave.	200
(4)	\$1,275

The 1918 ledger showed Frances Tucker with the following:

Lot e. of York road at Parkton adj. Annie R. Fishel	
N. @	110
Store House & Hall 20 x 40 2 stories	990
(5)	

Martha T. and Robert N. Turner conveyed in 1946 to James L. Street and Alice G. Street. (6) In 1954, Street conveyed to George A. Roche, Mary F. Roche and George R. Roche. (7) The co-owners sold in 1965 to Joseph C. Staniewski, Sr., and four years later, Staniewski and wife sold to the present owners, Lester W. Hess and wife. (8)

Mr. Hess stated in 1980 that he had put \$60,000 into repairs and improvements of the frame structure, where there is a deli counter, grocery store section, and upstairs living area. There is also a swimming pool on the southside of the house. The south end of Parkton has been subjected to a

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number of floods, and Maryland Department of Transportation has a plan to remove the plate-girder and concrete bridge near the Hess store to prevent debris from collecting there and forming an impromptu dam during high water conditions. This is the only grocery outlet in town still functioning, and is much frequented by road crews and construction workers for lunch—in spite of its location on a dead-end road segment.

## NOTES:

1. Plat Books, JWS 1:79A.
2. B.C. Deeds, LMB 194:355.
3. B.C. Deeds, NBM 236:579.
4. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1911, f. 737.
5. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 807.
6. B.C. Deeds, RJS 1517:509.
7. B.C. Deeds, GLB 2491:150.
8. B.C. Deeds, RRG 4446:281 and OTG 4967:322.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

TUCKER-HESS HOUSE

Baltimore County Deeds, Tax Ledgers.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.40**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

*Metes and bounds not specified in deed, but described as Lot 7 on Plat JWS 1:79A (1892). Lot fronts about 100 feet on former York Turnpike (Now MD 463), which forms a NE to SW boundary. The NW to SE boundary is formed by former Northern Central Railroad, approximately 200 feet to riverbank. A SW to NE boundary is formed by Gunpowder Falls for about 150 feet. (Map 19, Parcel P231).*

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE NONE COUNTY NONESTATE NONE COUNTY NONE**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

May 20, 1980

STREET &amp; NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

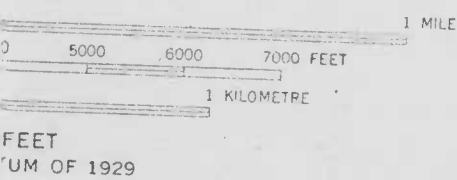
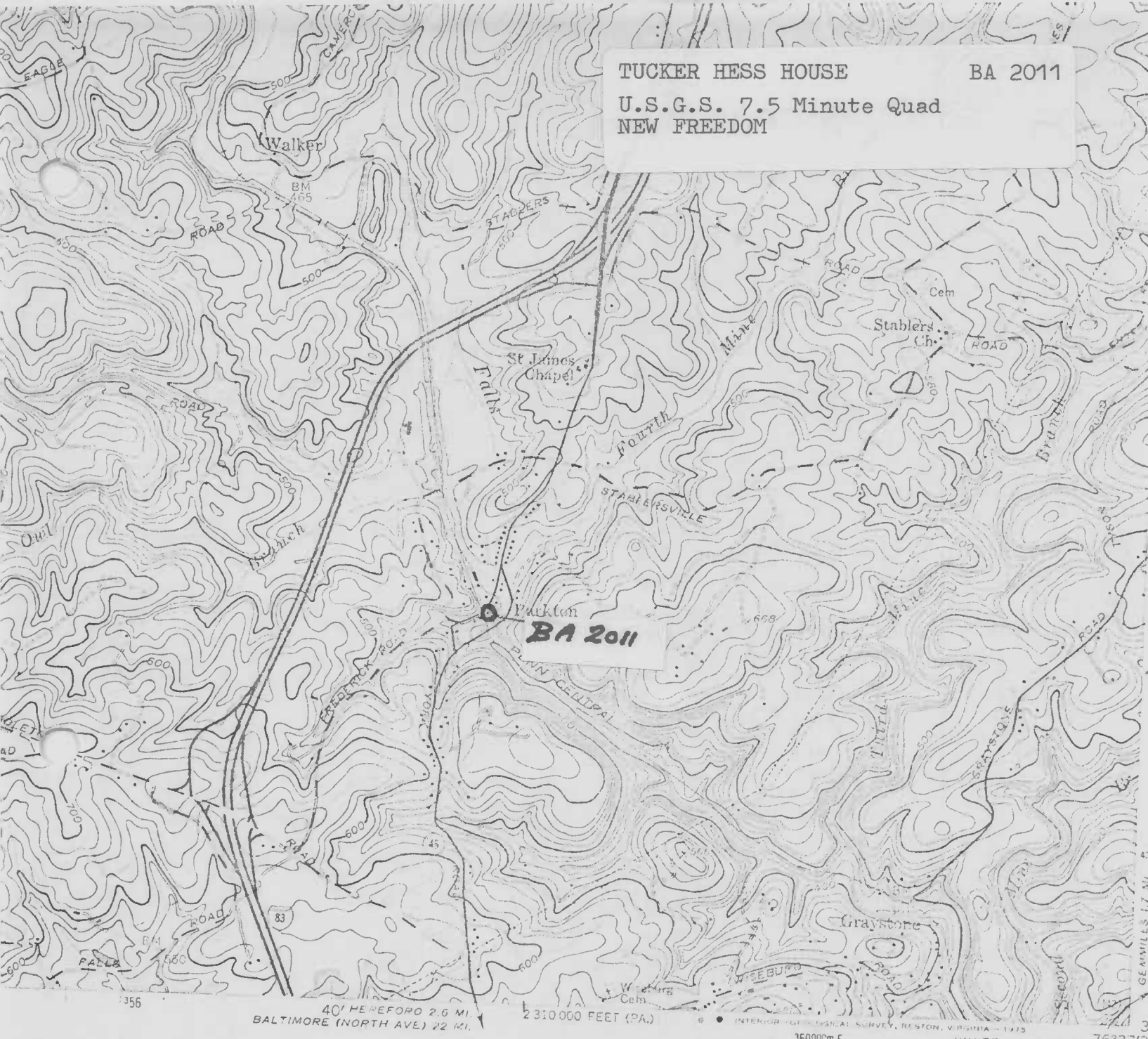
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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TUCKER HESS HOUSE

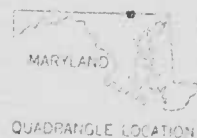
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U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad  
NEW FREEDOM



FEET  
MUM OF 1929

ACCURACY STANDARDS  
STON, VIRGINIA 22092  
OLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological  
Survey from aerial photographs taken 1974. This  
information not field checked.

ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route

NEW FREEDOM, MD.-PA.

N3937.5—W7637.5/7.5

1958  
PHOTOREVISED 1974  
AMS 5663 II NW—SERIES V833





TUCKER-HESS HOUSE      BA 2011  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, March 1980  
Neg. located at MHT  
West (main) & south facades



TUCKER-HESS HOUSE      BA 2011  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, March 1980  
Neg. located at MHT  
South and east facades from S.